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PATIENT SUPPORT BOARDS"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,560,799
AB United States Patent No. 5,475,884
AC United States Patent No. 5,014,968
AL United Kingdom Specification 961,677
AM German OS 101 13 855

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The German counterpart to Reference AA, together with References AC, AL and AM were cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application.

All of these references also were identified and discussed at page 1 of the present specification.

Reference AB corresponds to German PS 42 24 036, which was also identified and discussed at page 1 of the present specification.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

Applicants note that Reference AB has an effective date for prior art purposes as of its publication date of October 24, 2002, and this date is after the convention priority date (August 21, 2002) claimed by the present Applicants under 35 U.S.C. §119. If necessary, a certified translation of the present application will be submitted to perfect Applicants' claim for convention priority, and preclude reliance by the Examiner on Reference AM as a basis for rejecting any claim of the present application.

Also Reference AM corresponds to co-pending United States Application Serial No. 10/472,121, filed September 16, 2003, and owned by the same Assignee, Siemens Aktiengesellschaft, as the present application. Applicants have not yet been notified as to the Group Art Unit in the United States Patent and Trademark Office to which that co-pending application has been assigned, however, Applicants assume the Examiner has access to that co-pending application and therefore have not burdened the present file with a duplicate copy. If the Examiner would nevertheless would prefer that a copy of this co-pending application be provided, the Examiner is requested to notify the undersigned counsel for the Applicants, and a copy will be submitted. The co-pending application can be used as a translation of Reference AM, but Applicants do not represent that it is a literal translation of Reference AM.

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As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application.



This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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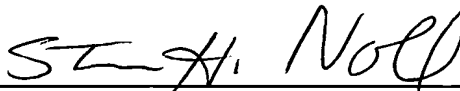
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